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(57) Abstract: CETP Inhibitors have improved solubility and bioavailability in a lipophilic vehicle comprising a digestible oil, a lipophilic solvent, or a surfactant. Preferred such compositions are self-emulsifying or self-microemulsifying, and comprise 1. a CETP inhibitor; 2. a cosolvent; 3. a surfactant having an HLB of 1 to 8; 4. a surfactant having an HLB of over 8 to 20; and 5. optionally, a digestible oil.

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Claims Nos.: 1-7; 8-15 (partially)

Present claims 1-7 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds and products. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compounds/products claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compositions comprising the compounds defined in claims 8-10 in combination with the surfactants mentioned in claims 5-6, since their definition by "high HLB" or "low HLB" is unclear.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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This international Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:
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